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Re: Support for CTIA Recommendations for the Tower Construction Notification System

Dear Bureau Chiefs Desai and Seidel:

USET has recently met with CTIA regarding the implementation of the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) believes that the TCNS is working, but that there is room for improvement if its full potential is to be realized.

CTIA has shared with us two documents that we understand they have also presented to the FCC: a "Frequently Asked Questions" document and recommendations for improvements to the TCNS. USET agrees with the points made in the FAQ document and also endorses the recommendations made in the TCNS document. USET understands the value of timeliness and certainty for the Industry, which underlies many of CTIA's recommendations. From the tribal perspective, we have committed to both those goals in return for a process that assures that Industry members contact relevant tribes early and in a meaningful fashion with regard to tower construction as it relates to historic preservation and environmental issues.

As with any new process, there is a learning curve for all parties. We have heard some very encouraging comments from tribal historic preservation personnel about the Industry's stepped-up efforts to work with Tribes. The FCC's creation of the TCNS was a brilliant idea. Now that we are essentially doing "field trials" of the system, it is appropriate to make modifications, as CTIA has recommended, to ensure that the implementation of the TCNS is as effective as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Gregory Smith, USET's Washington counsel on these matters (202-659-8400) if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

James T. Martin  
Executive Director

cc: Fred Campbell  
Geoff Blackwell

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